

World History Syllabus

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<http://www.engagewithease.com>

This site includes instructions and procedures for the class. It is very important that you familiarize yourself with it.

Course Overview and Purpose: World History will examine the major events and concepts that have taken place from the early civilizations to the Modern Era, focusing on Africa, Asia, Europe and South America.

Required Text: *World History: Patterns of Interaction*, McDougal Littell copyright 1999 (not issued but may be checked out).

Required Materials: Students are expected to bring the following items to class EVERY DAY:

1. Composition Book (Journal) and 2 inch 3-Ring Binder or Spiral Notebook
2. Pencils/pens
3. Color Pencils would be helpful at times
4. Scotch Tape
5. Scissors
6. A tablet would be helpful if you own one

General Classroom Conduct and Expectations: To ensure a productive learning environment:

1. Be on time for class and in your seat when the second bell rings. Please note the new tardiness policy for the school. Students must clear the door before the bell **ends**.
2. Respect all class members and their property.
3. No food in the classroom.
4. Follow all directions the first time they are given.
5. Hall passes are issued on an emergency basis only. Students will use the classroom hall pass only.
6. Turn in Journals by due dates.

Classroom Procedure on Tests and Journals

1. The Deadline to receive full credit for **ALL** journals is the date of the unit test.
2. There is **ONE** date set for the completion of the entire unit.
3. You can receive a maximum score of 70% on late work.
4. There is no retesting for failed exams.
5. Journals will be graded once. You are welcome to ask questions about your work before it is scored.
6. In the case of an absence, we will follow school procedures, which gives you an extra day for each day of absence. Our class materials are online.

Enrichment Activity: *The culminating project for the class is an enrichment activity. This project will be 10% of the final grade. More information on the enrichment activities that are approved will come later into the semester.*

Consequences for Violating Classroom Expectations: Violations of school and/or classroom rules will be dealt with accordingly. Mr. King will deal with each student in a way that he sees appropriate.

Classroom Policies and Procedures:

1. Attendance Policy: Regular class attendance and punctuality are required and strongly encouraged. *Unexcused absences* and *excessive tardiness* will affect the student's grade.
2. Exams: Exams are given at the conclusion of each Unit. *To receive full credit for journals you must complete them before the day of the test.* There will be a cumulative semester exam. Exams will be multiple choice. All students are expected to take exams and quizzes when scheduled.
3. Cheating/Plagiarism: Cheating will result in a zero for all those involved, and a office referral.

Grading Policies and Procedures:

Grading Scale: 100-90%=A, 89-80%=B, 79-75%=C, 74-70%=D, 69% and below=F

Quarter grades will be based on the following items:

1. Journal / Class Work= 60%
2. Tests/ Quizzes = 40%

Semester grades will be based on the following:

1. Q1 = 42.5%
2. Q2 = 42.5%
3. Final Exam = 15%

Students receive *no more than 70% credit* for any tests or assignments missed due to an OSS. This policy also includes ISS days

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings and welcome to the 2013-2014 school year at Ridgeland High School!

I would like to take this opportunity to touch base with all of the parents and guardians of my students. I understand that the beginning of a new term can be hectic for everyone involved, but I ask that you please take some time to read the attached syllabus carefully. Please make note of the materials and expectations required of the students, as I would expect students to come to class fully prepared by the end of this first week of class.

After you have carefully read the expectations I have for each student, please print and sign your name on the designated lines below. Then, students should return the signed sheet to me Monday. Students should keep the syllabus in their binder to refer to in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to review the attached procedures and expectations. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime mattking@walkerschools.org.

Mr. Matt King
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I have read the policies and procedures for Mr. King's class. I understand and will uphold all of the expectations.

Student's Name—PLEASE PRINT

Parent/Guardian's Signature